

TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were: Mayor Dicks; Deputy Mayor Peters; Councillors Dorrington, Borden, Fraser, El-Haddad, and MacDonald. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Peter Douthwright, Director of Community Development; Police Chief Steve Chisholm; Kelly Sloan, Executive Assistant; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Veronica Deno; Active Living Manager; Katherine MacLellan, Cycling N. S.; Mark Pulsifer, Edgewood Environmental Services; and members of the Race on the River Dragonboat Society - Jillian MacNeil, Meghan Brophy, Terry Richardson, Jannah Carree, Sherry Cheek, Dion Antle, Nikki Parnell, Emma Eagles, Tom Mooney, Cindy Skinner and Roger Swarbrick. Absent from the meeting were Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services and Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works.

Mayor Dicks stated that as we gather this evening, we pause to remember that in this province we live and work on lands that are by law the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples – predominantly the land of the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people. We also recognize the African Nova Scotians whose culture, heritage, and history have been and remain a key part of our province for more than 400 years.

AGENDA

It was regularly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATIONS TO THE NEW GLASGOW DRAGON BOAT SOCIETY BOARD

Mayor Dicks presented the New Glasgow Dragon Boat Society Board of Directors with certificates acknowledging the 20th Anniversary of the *Race on the River* Dragonboat Festival and thanking them for their commitment to volunteering for this event. Certificates were presented to: Jillian MacNeil, Meghan Brophy, Terry Richardson, Jannah Carree, Sherry Cheek, Dion Antle, Nikki Parnell, Emma Eagles, Anne Baxter, Robert Rogers, Tom Mooney, Cindy Skinner, Shirley Murray, Chris Higdon, Charlee Gerrior and Roger Swarbrick.

PRESENTATION – CYCLING N. S. BLUE ROUTE HUBS PROJECT

Katherine MacLellan made a powerpoint presentation to Council regarding phase 3 of the Blue Route Hubs Project and outlined the recommended next steps for implementation. She advised they are planning a Mayor and Council Bike Ride on Thursday, July 27th at 6pm.

Mayor Dicks thanked Katherine for her presentation.

URBAN DEER PRESENTATION

Mark Pulsifer, Edgewood Environmental Services, made a powerpoint presentation regarding the 2023 New Glasgow Deer Survey he carried out and observations on the deer population.

Mayor Dicks thanked Mr. Pulsifer for his presentation.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY – FIRE INSPECTION POLICY

It was regularly moved and seconded pursuant to the Nova Scotia Fire Safety Act Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2002 to adopt the Fire Inspection Policy as presented.

Motion carried.

FIRST READING TOURISM MARKETING LEVY BYLAW

Councillor Fraser presented for first reading the proposed Tourism Marketing Levy Bylaw for the Town of New Glasgow.

The object of the Bylaw is to allow for the collection of a tourism marketing levy of 3% on room rates of licensed fixed roof accommodations which will be administered through the Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores Tourism Association (DEANS).

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed Bylaw should proceed to second reading in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCOUNTS

It was regularly moved and seconded that the accounts be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.